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SUBJ: CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE OF NAME OF UNITED
NATIONS PLAZA TO ZION SQUARE.

1. NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MET AFTERNOON FEB 24 TO CONSIDER,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, CHANGE OF NAME OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA
TO ZION SQUARE.

2. IT WAS DECIDED THAT DECISION SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL
FIRST OR SECOND MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL IN MARCH.
THIS WILL BE BETWEEN MARCH 5 AND 12. REASON FOR
DEFERRAL ACCORDING TO OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN HENRY
STERN, SPONSOR OF PROPOSAL, WAS MISTAKE MADE BY PRINTER IN
GIVING DETAILS ON CHANGES TO BE MADE.

3. ACCORDING TO STERN, BILL AS PRINTED INDICATED THAT CHANGE
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TO BE MADE INVOLVED PARK ACROSS STREET FROM UNITED NATIONS

ONLY. ACTUALLY PARKS COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL HAD VOTED TO CHANGE NAME OF WEST SIDE OF STREET AND PARK AND ISAIAH WALL TO ZION TO ZION SQUARE. THIS WILL BE REFLECTED IN CORRECTED BILL TO BE SUBMITTED FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION IN MARCH. (MAP BEING POUCHED IO/UNP-OAKLEY.)

4. SPONSORS OF RALPH BUNCHE MEMORIAL HAD MEETING AFTERNOON OF FEB 23 AT PHELPS STOKES FUND TO PLAN STRATEGY IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR DESIRE TO OPPOSE CITY COUNCIL DECISION TO NAME PARK ZION SQUARE IN VIEW OF THEIR INTEREST IN HAVING PARK NAMED AFTER RALPH BUNCHE AND HAVING BUNCHE MEMORIAL PLACED IN PARK. WE DO NOT YET KNOW OUTCOME OF MEETING BUT WILL ADVISE WHEN RESULTS ARE MADE KNOWN TO US. MRS. FRANCES LOEB, NEW YORK CITY COMMISSIONER FOR THE UN, IS CONTINUING HER DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILMAN STERN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF RALPH BUNCHE MEMORIAL IN CONNECTION WITH IDEA THAT RALPH BUNCHE MEMORIAL SCULPTURE BE MOVED TO DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA

IN EVENT ENOUGH MONEY IS RAISED SO THAT SCULPTURE CAN BE ERECTED.
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